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Awards at Sacramento and Atlanta — Coach W. J. Nicks (top) and Quarterback Jimmy Kearney are both shown receiving awards from Camellia Bowl president W. W. Woods in Sacramento. The two will also be honored soon in Atlanta as Coach-of-the-Year and Player-of-the-Year respectively.

## Transportation Contest Open to Texas A. & M. Univ. System Students

Texas A&M University System students have been invited to participate in a transportation contest sponsored by the National Defense Transportation Association, John P. Doyle of the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M announced.

Subject of the contest is "An Inquiry into a Critical Problem Facing Transportation," and the report must be no more than 3,000 words or less than 2,500.

Doyle, the McDonald professor of transportation at A&M, said all entries must be submitted to his office before noon Feb. 20. The local winner will be announced March 1, and the winning entry will be submitted in the national contest. National winners will be announced May 1.

The contest is open to all college students, although only one paper will be submitted from each college, Doyle said. Pur-

# NAT'L GRID TROPHY BACK AT PV

## Scott Memorial Award Goes to Panthers; Nicks and Kearney Cited

The W. A. Scott II Memorial trophy, awarded annually by the Atlanta Georgia 100% Wrong Club to the mythical championship team of Negro intercollegiate football, will be awarded on January 31 to Prairie View A. and M. College.

Coach W. J. Nicks won the clubs annual Coach-of-the-year award. It was the second such honor paid to the veteran coach and athletic director. He was named Coach-of-the-year earlier by the National Intecollegiate Athletic Association meeting in Sacramento, Calif.

Also to be honored during the Atlanta ceremonies is quarterback Jimmy Kearney, who was named "Football Player-of-the-year". Kearney, the teams leading scorer, won the most outstanding back award in the Ca-

mellia Bowl game in Sacramento.

The Scott trophy, sponsored by the Coca Cola Company Atlanta, Georgia, was initiated a decade ago by the 100% Wrong Club of the Atlanta Daily World. The trophy is named for the Daily World's founder and first editor-publisher, W. A. Scott II. The occasion in Atlanta is the 29th annual All Sports Jamboree.

Prairie View retired the first National Negro college championship trophy in 1958 being the first team to win the annual title three times. The Panthers were national champs in 1953 and 1954. This is Prairie View's fourth national football championship in the past 10 years.

The Panthers closed the 1963 season with a 9-0 record, win-

ning the coveted Southwestern Conference title. Selected to play in the NAIA Small college play-off, the Panthers went on to defeat Kearney State College of Nebraska 20-7.

Their only loss of the year was in the NAIA championship game at Sacramento, Calif. The Panthers chopped a close 33-27 thriller to St. John's College of Collegeville, Minnesota.

Captains of the 1963 Panther outfit, Ezell Seals of Bellville and Carl Robinson of Houston have been drafted for professional football. Seals has signed with the Houston Oilers and Robinson with the Minnesota Vikings. Both players were named on the NAIA and the Pittsburgh Courier's All America Teams.

CURTIS A. WOOD

# PANTHER

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January 10, 1964

## Funds Being Raised For Athletic Blazers

The Veterans Club has initiated a drive to raise sufficient funds to purchase blazers for members of the championship football team.

With approval and support of President Evans and student leaders the club opened the drive with a benefit dance on January 3. Proceeds from this affair amounted to \$346.50.

Solicitation of the faculty is expected to begin soon.

pose of the contest is to stimulate interest in college students in transportation.

The national entries will receive prizes of \$500, \$300 and \$200 for the first three places.



**Clemon Daniels**  
AFL Most Valuable Player photographed from TV presentation of award at San Diego.

## Religious Emphasis Week Activities Begin Sunday AM

Religious Emphasis Week will be observed at Prairie View A&M College on January 12-15, Reverend L. C. Phillip, college chaplain at the college, announced.

Visiting speakers for the occasion include Rabbi Samuel I. Weingart, Attorney George Washington, Jr. and the Reverend M. M. Pierson, all of Houston. The theme is "Resources for Adventurous Living".

Rabbi Weingart will speak at the Sunday morning worship service on January 12. His topic is "Religious resources for adventurous living". Attorney Washington will discuss legal resources, and Reverend Pierson will talk on the subject, "Prayer, a resource for adventurous living".

The religious groups on the campus will discuss the theme at their regular meetings during the week. Persons in charge of student religious organizations are — Methodist, Mrs. Erma Kendricks and Mr. Samuel Montgomery; Baptist, Mr. E. J. Johnson; Catholics, Reverend Father W. D. Salisbury; Episcopalians, Father James T. Moore; Church of God in Christ, Dr. John D. Murphy; and the YM and YWCA, the Reverend Van Johnson.

## PV Students Working at NASA Will Discuss Their New Jobs

Four Prairie View students are scheduled to discuss their duties at the manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) employees are Lofton Kennedy, James Clay, Theodore Johnson, and Freddie Thompson. The students and their specific undergraduate interest are as follows: Kennedy-Biology, Clay-Political Science, Johnson-Political Science, and Thompson-Civil Engineering.

Prairie View is one of twenty-one schools participating in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration program. Most employees at NASA, specifically two-thirds, are in the administration field rather than the natural science field and the field of engineering. Prairie View has two students, Clay and Johnson, actively participating in the administration program, Kennedy in the natural science department, and Thompson in the engineering phase.

The students made vivid reports on their experiences while at NASA at a General Faculty meeting in the Administration Building Auditorium Tuesday

at 7:30 p.m.

The public relations committee of the Memorial Center will present the foursome in an informative Sunday afternoon Forum, January 12, 1964 in the Ballroom of the Memorial Center at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. A. I. Thomas, Dean of the School of Industrial Education, serves as liaison between Prairie View and the program at NASA.



**NASA Interns Speak** — Prairie View students at NASA will inform campus students of their activities Sunday, January 12. Pictured left to right are — Freddie Thompson, Lofton Kennedy, James Clay, Theodore Johnson and Dr. A. I. Thomas, co-ordinator of the program.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE TO BEGIN

The annual March-of-Dimes will open in Waller County this week. Mr. J. C. Umland of Waller is county chairman and Dr. C. A. Wood will serve as Prairie View chairman.

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### PAY POLL TAX AT ROOM 201, SPENCE HALL

Provisions are made each year for persons interested in paying Poll Tax on campus to do so at Mr. O. J. Thomas office, Room 201, Spence Hall. The deadline for payment of poll tax is January 31.

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### KYOK-HOUSTON TO AIR PV-TSU GAMES

Radio Station KYOK will broadcast the PV-TSU basketball game Saturday night from the PV Gym. The Houston station carried an account of the game at the TSU Gym Thursday night.

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### APPRECIATION DINNER FOR TEAM PLANNED

The college will express its appreciation to the football

team with a dinner-dance on January 17, the Athletic Council announced. Dean H. E. Fuller is serving as chairman of arrangements. Clemon Daniels, AFL Most Valuable Player and former Panther great, has been invited to the college for this occasion.

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### SEMESTER EXAMS SET FOR JAN. 20-25

The schedule for Semester examinations has been posted by the Registrar's Office for the week January 20-24. The first semester will close on January 25.

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### FRESHMAN ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES SET

Orientation activities for entering students are scheduled for January 26-27. Registration for the spring semester is set for January 27-30.

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### AKA DEBS BALL ON FEBRUARY 1

The AKA Sorority will present its annual Debutantes Ball on February 1. Approximately 25 young women are expected to be presented on this occasion.



## U.S. Dept. of Education Announces Training Classes

Some 175 persons will be trained to teach classes in business electronic processing at six institutions of higher education this Summer, the U. S. Office of Education announced today.

States in which the schools are located and participating institutions will match approximately \$35,000 in National Defense Education Act funds to finance the courses.

Applicants must be endorsed by the Director of Vocational Education in the State in which they live. To be eligible, applicants must be teachers of business education in public high schools or public institutions of higher education or have a bachelor's degree in business education or equivalent experience.

Deadline for applications is May 1.

Endorsed applicants will be selected by a committee named by each of the six schools. More than half of those selected are expected to be trainees from last year returning for a more advanced course.

Participating institutions and dates of sessions are:

Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, Calif., June 22-August 14; Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo., June 15-August 7; Miami-Dade Junior College, Miami, Fla., June 15-August 7; Asheville Technical Institute, Asheville, N. C., June

22-August 14; Burlington Technical Institute, Burlington, N. C., June 22-August 14, and Milwaukee Institute of Technology, Milwaukee, Wisc., June 15-August 7.

Tuition is free unless the student wishes to obtain college credit for his work. Each State determines whether it will pay travel and cost-of-living allowances for its residents attending the sessions.

## Science, Industry Urging U. S. to Adopt Metric System

A bill to pave the way for the adoption of the Metric system of weights and measurements in the U. S. is slated to be introduced in the next session of congress and odds on its passage are the best in years. The bill would call for exhaustive study of the feasibility here of the system currently in use in 88 countries including 90 per cent of the world's population today.

Unprecedented pressures for our conversions to the Metric System are now coming from some of our nations most powerful scientific, educational and industrial forces. While, of course, a changeover would be spread over a decade — a time span most often suggested is a

full generation or 33 years—our conversion is considered essential and inevitable.

When and as we do take the giant step, we would dispense with the inch, the pound, the foot, the yard, the mile, the pint, quart and gallon, the teaspoon, the bushel and barrel, fathoms and fractions. Instead we would use the beautiful simple, neat Metric equivalents of grams and kilograms, meters and kilometers, liters and kiloliters.

For Science and industry, it would mean re-doing literally millions of technical designs and specifications. For commerce, it would mean re-pricing most of the products we use according to new weights, lengths and



### Enroute to Engineering Job

— Deree Johnson is shown in flight to Kansas City to accept engineering position with the Bendix Company.

## Four PV Engineering Students at Bendix

Electrical engineer Deree Johnson has been employed by the Bendix Company at Kansas City, Missouri. He is the fourth Prairie View A&M engineering graduate to join Bendix.

Mr. Johnson was hired as a Junior engineer in the Electronics Products Division. He will begin work on February 1 at a starting salary of \$620 per month.

Prairie View men already employed at Bendix are David Webster, former Panther and professional football star, Maceo Gray, and Chester Thompson. All are electrical engineers.

As with the case of these men, Prairie View engineers are receiving above the national pay average of \$608.00 per month.

## From the Registrar

The PERMIT TO PAY FEES cards are now available for former students in the Registrar's Office (B-8) for the Second Semester.

REMINDER — Before the Registrar's Office can change your fee assessment:

Day students must pick up authorization from Dean of Women or Dean of Men.

(1) Veterans must pick up authorizations from Veteran Counselor

(2) Vocational Rehabilitation students must get authorization from Mr. Kendricks (Fiscal Office B-2).

(3) Scholarship students must get exemptions from Dr. Drew.

(4) Student teachers must get authorization from supervisor.

(5) Employees must get authorization from president and supervisor.

(6) Spouses of employees must get authorization in Registrar's Office.

(7) Any other fee exemptions

volumes.

Why even contemplate so enormous a task at a cost conservatively estimated as running into the billions?

Because by maintaining our cumbersome system of weights and measures, we are getting out of step with most of the rest of the world. More and more countries which once used the traditional "english" measurements system, are changing over. Recent "converts" include Japan, India, Red China. Even the few English-speaking hold-outs in addition to us are indicating increasing interest in switching to the "international language" of the Metric System.

## Dean C. L. Wilson Writes in Texas Prof'l Engineer

Dean C. L. Wilson of the School of Engineering at Prairie View A. and M. College has published an article in the December 1963 issue of the Texas Professional Engineer.

Title of the article is "Needed: A new Look at Engineering Registration." Mr. Wilson emphasizes the importance of registration with professional engineering groups as a means of up grading the engineering profession itself.

His article is part of a series being prepared by the twelve deans of Engineering in Texas colleges and universities. The publication is the official organ of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers.

In discussing the School of Engineering at the college Dean Wilson said that their biggest problem was the need for students. "We can't begin to supply the demands of industry and government", the Prairie View dean said.

"Representatives from 24 firms and agencies have been on the campus to recruit our graduates. One young man, Jethro White, was offered a position as associate engineer with the Thiokol Chemical Company in Karnac, Texas today", he continued. "He was offered \$600 monthly to start".

Dean Wilson told about another student, Deree Johnson in Electrical Engineering who has just been hired by the Bendix company in Kansas City, Missouri. He will begin on February 1 as Junior engineer in the Electronics Products division at a starting salary of \$620. Three other electrical engineering graduates are already at Bendix. They are David Webster, former football star, Maceo Gray and Chester Thompson.

Two prospective graduates have already been offered attractive positions with Ling-Temco-Vought in Grand Prairie.

Scores of Prairie View engineers are employed in cities on the West Coast, Chicago, Detroit, Washington and New York.

## TSU Gets Gift

Tobacco heiress Doris Duke has recently given Texas Southern University shares of stock worth more than \$110,000 to help the students.

The money is to be used in a two-year period to add courses to the TSU curriculum, train some members of the faculty in specialized areas to broaden their teaching horizons, and to give scholarships to gifted high school students.

The gift was extended through the Doris Duke Foundation and will be carried in a TSU account in a New York bank.

The Katmi National Monument in Alaska is twice the size of the state of Delaware.

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## Local Students to Compete For Army ROTC Award

Local U. S. Army ROTC senior students this year will be competing with other students throughout the nation for the Hughes Perpetual Trophy, which will be presented for the first time next fall.

According to Lt. Colonel Arthur N. Fearing, professor of military science at Prairie View, "The trophy is being awarded annually to the single outstanding ROTC graduate selected from candidates nominated for the award by qualified national colleges and universities."

He said the purpose of the perpetual award is to recognize the important role played in the American way of life by this country's citizen-officer — the ROTC graduate.

### Accent on Health

## Poliomyelitis During '63 Dropped 253-Zero

Big numbers usually make news, but this past year a zero made the headlines.

The "zero" is in the column of vital statistics telling how many people died from poliomyelitis during 1963. In about a ten-year period, the death column dropped from a 253 total to a zero.

Behind these columns lies a story that statistics alone cannot tell. The story—in short order—reflects the development of polio vaccine during the last ten years.

But let's start at the beginning of the story. Poliomyelitis, also known as infantile paralysis, is caused by a poliovirus.

Single cases or epidemics occur throughout the world. The disease may strike at any time, but the largest number of cases occur in the summer and early winter months. Children and young adults are the most frequent victims.

The disease is spread from man to man. Poliomyelitis virus has been found in secretions of the nose and throat and in the feces of patients. For this reason, polio patients are isolated and intense precautions are exercised, especially during the early days of illness.

Anyone can have poliomyelitis—a crippling and killing disease—but no one can be cured.

The key to avoiding the dread disabling disease is prevention. Two vaccines—discovered, developed and tested in the last ten years—can prevent the disease.

The first hope of a vaccine came in 1953. A scientist at the University of Pittsburgh had developed a vaccine, composed of killed polio viruses. But the vaccine had to be tried and tested before mass immunization could take place.

Then, in 1955, the public was able to receive protection with Salk vaccine injections.

Now an oral vaccine developed by Dr. Albert Sabin of Cincinnati is also available. It is made of weakened live viruses and can be administered as a liquid, mixed with sweet tasting substances such as simple syrup or lump sugar.

The advent of poliomyelitis vaccines brought polio incidence down to eight cases and deaths to zero.

This is the story about the zero that made big news. And zero will continue to be headlined so long as each person takes advantage of the protection available.

The trophy features a replica of the Army eagle from the Great Seal of the United States. It was designed by Hughes' artist Neil Jacobs. Hughes Aircraft Company is co-sponsoring the award with the Army, he said.

The trophy itself weighs more than 100 pounds and stands more than 30 inches high. It is handcrafted from bronze, marble, wood and aluminum.

According to the local professor of military science, the trophy will be presented annually to the outstanding national ROTC graduate by the Secretary of the Army.

The trophy will be displayed at the recipient's school for a period of one year, and the name of the recipient and the name of his school will be engraved permanently on the base of the trophy.

Miniature replicas of the trophy will be presented for permanent retention by the winner and the recipient's school.

Selection of the winner will be based upon the individual's military and academic grades, potential qualities as an officer, leadership in academic and student-body fields, and demonstrated qualities of discipline, courtesy, personality, and character.

Two cowboys were talking. One said, "My name's Tex." Second one, "You from Texas?"

Answered the first one: "Nope, from Louisiana, but who wants to be called Louise?"

## Nat'l Teacher Exam Set February 15

Less than two weeks remain for prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations at Prairie View A. and M. College on February 15, to submit their completed applications for these tests to Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, Dr. George Stafford, Director of the Counseling Center, announced today. Applications for the examinations must be forwarded so as to reach the Princeton Office not later than January 17, Dr. Stafford advised.

Applications for the examinations and Bulletins of Information describing registration procedures and containing representative test questions may be obtained from Dr. Stafford, Prairie View A. and M. College Counseling Center, or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

At the one-day testing session, a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in Professional Information, General Culture, English Expression, and Non Verbal Reasoning. In addition, each candidate may take one or two Optional Examinations which are designed to demonstrate mastery of subject matter in the fields in which he may be assigned to teach.

All candidates will receive tickets of admission advising them of the exact location of the centers to which they should report, Dr. Stafford said. Candidates for the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m. on February 15 and will begin taking the test at 9:00

## Minister's Conference Slated At PV on February 4-5



Bishop E. L. Hatcher  
Third Episcopal District



Bishop Mathew W. Clair  
of St. Louis, Missouri

The religious denomination of Prairie View A&M College will sponsor a Continuing Education Institute for Town and Rural Ministers on February 4 and 5, 1964 according to W. Van Johnson, Director of Student Activities of Prairie View A & M College, Prairie View, Texas.

The theme this year is: THE CHURCH AND HUMAN RELATIONS.

The purpose of the Ministers Conference is to inform Town and Rural Ministers of the Economic and Social factors affecting their communities and implications for churches.

The first general session will be keynoted by Dr. Sandy F. Ray, a Baptist Minister of New York City.

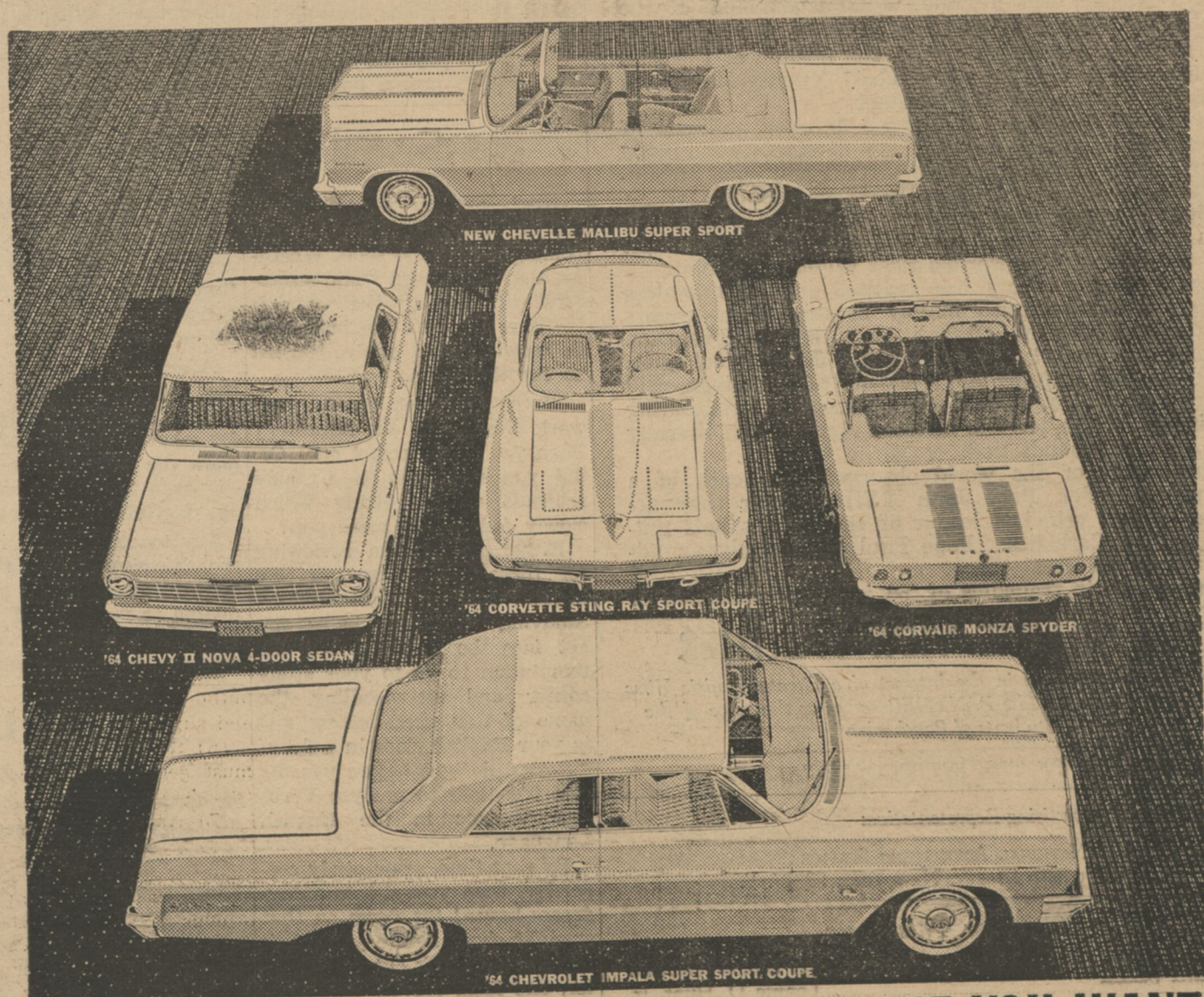
Dr. M. L. Price, Minister of Greater Zion Baptist Church of Houston, Texas will speak at the Baptist Hour.

Bishop Matthew Walker Clair, Jr., the Methodist Church of St. Louis, Missouri will speak at the Annual Convocation Service and Bishop E. C. Hatcher of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 3rd Episcopal District, Cleveland, Ohio, will speak at the Closing Session.

Dr. L. B. Felder, Conference Chairman, and Dr. L. H. Simpson, Chairman of the Budget Committee.

THE MINISTERS OF TEXAS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND FEBRUARY 4 and 5, 1964

proximately 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford advised. Candidates for one or two Optional Examinations will be concluded at approximately 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford advised. Candidates for one or two Optional Examinations will be concluded at approximately 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford advised. Candidates for one or two Optional Examinations will be concluded at approximately 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford advised. See TEACHER EXAM, Page 6



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# EDITORIALS

## Bravo, President Johnson

In his State of the Union message to Congress Wednesday President Johnson called for a complete end to racial injustice in the nation. For those who heard the President, we believe all will agree that Mr. Johnson was sincere — that he spoke out of his own convictions. His entire message rang with sincerity, and it was well received.

President Johnson has lifted the hopes of Negroes for a strong civil rights bill, one which will include the public accommodations section. Maybe the time will soon come when we too will not be told that "there is no room in the Inn."

## And Martin Luther King

Time magazine's choice for the Man-of-the-year was an excellent one. Negroes have played an unusually significant role in American life in 1963, and Reverend King is without doubt the number one leader among his people.

This recognition by TIME may have caused many others to ponder the fact that Negroes have played an important role in every respect of American life since its very beginning. While in the role of the oppressed, the American Negro has nevertheless played on the conscious of this nation, and the great men of history have invariably been those who have championed our cause.

## Death and Birth, 1963

The year of our Lord, nineteen hundred sixty-three has silently passed. Many of us remember '63 when she arrived and many were jubilant at her oncoming. 1963 was much anticipated, hoped for, longed for, looked for, but look what she had in store for the world!

Nineteen hundred sixty-three was born precisely at 12:01 p.m. December 31, 1962. She died precisely at 12:01 p.m. December 31, 1963. But during the 8,760 hours, 325,600 minutes, and 19,536,000 seconds of her life, she witnessed countless deaths and births.

1963 engendered the birth of the United States proving herself an undisputed power in her stand against pro-Communist powers. The Revolt of the American Negro's wrath and fury was born in 1963. The March on Washington was a vivid, dynamic example of the protest of minority groups in America.

Tragedy at sea occurred with the mishap of the submarine, Thresher. One hundred twenty-nine lives were lost in the horrible accident.

In the Pennsylvania coal mine disaster, millions of Americans anxiously waited while attempts were made to bring two survivors to the surface and hope dwindled for a third person trapped beneath tons of earth.

1963 witnessed triumphant orbital flights made by both the United States and Russia. Most significant was the orbit of the world's first woman astronaut.

Again tragic events are realized in the merciless killings which occurred mainly because of endeavors of the enforcement of the Civil Rights Program. Among those martyred are Medgar Evers; four girls killed in the Birmingham incident of bombings, Bill Moore and others. Their deaths serve as outstanding reminders of the terrible internal strife which literally has America's hands tied.

The people of the world observed the death of a mammoth leader, Pope John XXIII. Later they accepted a new principal leader of the world's half million Roman Catholics. Pope Paul VI is truly an advocate of universal peace.

Paramount in tragedies of '63 is the assassination of

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Early News Print

1963



1964

BEGINNING AGAIN

## Editor's Scratch Pad

1964 is Leap Year, which gives many an opportunity to sharpen their claws and go hunting. For what? Men!! Watch out males!!....

Statistically, here at Prairie View, there is an abundance of the weaker sex. Six girls to every guy. How about that?....

Incidentally, the second semester culminates May 23, 1964. Exactly one-hundred twenty-three (123) days of work, tears, fun, and sweat lie ahead....

For some of you, it may be interesting to note that there are about 290 shopping days left until Christmas....

The Student Body should be commended for their efforts to show the football team how much their actions are appreciated.

Time is a precious commodity and neither people nor nations

know how much of it they have left. It is too precious to waste in pointless bickering and criticism when so many spiritual and material rewards are waiting to be gathered up in the year 1964 by those who would go out and get them....

This New Year should be a time when we start tearing down the barriers of selfishness and pettiness that have embroiled us in conflict. It should be a year when we compete strongly by competing with reason; when we achieve mightily, but remember that if we value achievements and life, one must first find life worth living....

We have been given the start of another year to learn the illusive art of living in peace with each other. Let us use it well. If we do, 1964 can be a year for greatness.

## Food for Thought

Much as you would like to forget that fact, exams are coming up all too soon. Whether they're dubbed "Mid-semesters" or "finals," the meaning is clear. Teachers are interested in knowing what you've learned so far this term.

Have you kept up on your work throughout the semester? Then you're the smart one! Or, did you start out on a study schedule with a bang which slowly faded to a mere pop?

Either way, begin reviewing for those exams now, if you haven't hit the books already. Studying every day helps you get into the habit. Avoid the temptation to go to your study corner and sit doodling the name of that good-looking girl in your English class in a dozen different designs before you decide it's time to analyze Verbs and Verbals in the English Language.

By that time, your study corner has been turned into a day-dream haven! Sit down on that straight chair before your desk or table and pick out one chapter, one idea, or even one paragraph to go over until you understand it. No, concentration is not easy, but it is profitable!

the most prominent figure in the western free world. This calamity befell the President of the United States, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. A depraved assassin's bullet destroyed a magnanimous person and a diabolical facet of America was uncovered for all to see.

'63 has expired and has left much unfinished work for '64 to endeavor to complete. 1963 was a year of joy and sorrow, triumph and tragedy — a year of death and birth.

—Marjay D. Anderson

## The Old and the New

We are now entering a new year, 1964. None of us realize the importance of this year, because we cannot prognosticate the events that will occur during this year.

We have just emerged from the year 1963. This was a year that was filled with many events. It marked the century anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation which freed the Negroes in America. This century anniversary was observed by all Negroes but not in the form of gay celebrations, because we realize that we were freed but not given our freedoms. It was observed by continuous and strongly emphasized fights for the civil rights that have been denied to us during our one hundred years of "freedom". These fights were successful because we witnessed the admission of Negroes into many schools in the south where they were formerly denied entrance.

The year 1963 was a year of violence also. Violence erupted in many southern cities in attempts to block or hinder school desegregation. Sites of these violent episodes were Alabama where innocent Negro girls were slain by the bombing of a church and Mississippi where Medgar Evers was killed because he dared to fight for the advancement of his people.

Finally, the year 1963 ended in the death by assassination of our 35th president, John Fitzgerald Kennedy. No one knows why he was shot on November 22, in Dallas, Texas. Some have attributed the reason for his untimely death to his 'stand' on civil rights. No one really knows because the accused assassin Lee Oswald, was slain by Jack Ruby before any reason was given.

With the death of Mr. Kennedy behind us and Mr. Johnson

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memorize.

More important than anything else is the fact that everything you learn can be applied and used in your life. What? Even History you ask?

Because you have to use reason and common sense in working out those problems in math, you develop ways of thinking that you use every day.

True, once you are out of school, you may never meet up with another theorem and compare Prairie View — FIVE ..... pass, but the methods of thinking you used in that stiff old geometry class in Room 065 are something you will always use. Take our word for it!

—Walter Lilly

—Herbert Roland II

## The Last Minute Rush

This is the time of dead lines for term papers, culmination of projects, end of semester rush, and at the end of it all, final examinations. If you have been applying yourself during the semester, it is all a matter of course. On the other hand, if you have been putting off studying, a constant patron of the union, a certified cut stander, or a charter member of the Na-

tional Card Players Union, these last few weeks can prove to be the most frustrating ones that you have ever witnessed.

I am always dismayed at the inevitable rush on the library during the first week of January. Last minute and hastily prepared work can prove to be the most heartbreaking task ever undertaken by a student. Watch it Last Minute Charlie, it may be that you will have the whole of next semester to do that term paper or finish that project. And you Cramming Clemie may be boning up for next semester instead of final examinations. If you are a Last Minute Charlie or a Cramming Clemie, don't be surprised if next semester you are using the alias, Take Over Joe.

—Mamie L. Hughes





## International Night at PV

On Thursday evening, December 12, 1963, the Department of Economics, Geography and Social Science Club sponsored International Night at Prairie View. The theme for this occasion was "Education through International Understanding."

The program was presided over by Mr. Richard Gardner, President of the Club. Dr. E. B. Evans, President of the college, presented a welcome to the foreign students along with Mr. Trevor Klaton Peters who is a special student enrolled at Prairie View from Trinidad-Tobago. Presentations of the following guests were made by Miss Barbara Tatum, a sophomore student in the Department of Sociology:

Mr. Robert L. Melcher, Foreign Student Advisor from Texas A&M University; Mr. Juergen Fehr, Germany; Mr. Manuel Guterrez, Argentina; Mr. Houshang and Mr. Pao-Shan Weng, Republic of China, all from Texas A&M University. Dr. Rajagopalan, India; Mr. A. Caspi, Consul of Israel, Houston, Texas; Mr. Francis B. Kabagambe, Uganda, East Africa; Mr. Charles Dudley White, Kingston, Jamaica; Mr. Esrom Ngugi Miringa, Nairobi, Kenya; and Mr. E. M. Gamble, British Consulate General, Houston, Texas. The above named individuals participated in a panel discussing the theme in relation to their individual countries.

Cultural presentations were given by Mr. Muhammadu Shaaba Koro and Mr. Abdulkadir Ibrahim Kanya from Nigeria in the form of a Nigerian Highlife Dance along with a brief conversation in Hausa. A Filipino Dance was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ibarbia from the Republic of the Philippines. Mr. Tavor Peters from Trinidad-Tobago presented a short talk on Calypso with a tribute to the late President John F. Kennedy. Mrs. Shamsunder Kamat from India presented an Indian classical dance along with a song of India. A Filipino "Stick" dance was presented by Mr. Ramon Ibarbia, Mr. Roger Aspiras, Mr. Cesar Salas and Mr. Petronilo Barsales all from the Republic of the Philippines.

Announcements and remarks were given by Mr. Odest Jenkins, Vice President of the Economics, Geography and Social Science Club followed by final remarks given by Dr. J. L. Brown, who is chairman of the Department of Economics, Geography and Social Science. One of the cheering and

heart-warming activities presented during International Night was the International Tea presented and served by senior Dietetic majors of the School of Home Economics under the supervision of Mrs. Delia M. Hunt of the School of Home Economics. Mrs. Hunt and her group brought forth various foods from foreign lands.

Other foreign guests attending the International activities were: Mr. David Taylor, Liberia, West Africa; Miss Victoria Prince Agbodjam, Lome Togo, West Africa; Mr. Elia A. Ukehweng, Uganda, East Africa; Mrs. Alauddin Ahmad, Pakistan; Mr. Babul Ahmad, Pakistan; Miss Manira Ahmad, Pakistan; Mr. and Mrs. Shamsunder Kamat, India; Mr. Manuel Almada, Argentina; Mr. Wylian Otrera, Argentina; Mr. Aurelio Luciano, Argentina; Mrs. Juergen Fehr, Germany; Mr. Riadh Baban, Iraq; Mr. Hussein Abdel-Aal, United Arab Republic; Mr. Maen To-on, Thailand; Mr. Manouchehr Homayoun, Iran; Mr. Oscar Gordon, Guatemala; Mr. Pindelis Vafiades, Greece; Mr. Antonio Baduy, Ecuador; Mr. Weiliang Yin, Consul General, Republic of China, Houston, Texas; Dr. Rajagopalan, India, Dr. K. N. Pai, India, Dr. V. N. Harapanalli, India; Dr. V. R. Chandran, India; Captain Charles Hornstein, Military Advisor, Texas A&M University and Mr. Tom Prater, Extension Service, Texas A&M University.

A smorgasbord was prepared for several groups by Mr. J. L. Boyer, of the college dining hall. One significant feature of the International night was also the International exhibits. They were as follows:

The Exhibit of Israel exhibited by the Consulate of Israel of Houston, the exhibit of the Republic of China, exhibited by the consulate of the Republic of China in Houston; the exhibit of Indonesia exhibited by the Consulate of the Republic of Indonesia of New York City and the General Exhibit of Nations was presented by students from Nigeria, Kenya, Trinidad-Tobago, Japan, Togo and Jamaica.

Telegraphed greetings of support for the International activities that were held at Prairie View were received from six embassies and consulates from different nations.

International Night at Prairie View for 1963 was dedicated to the memory of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

## Club Crescendo

By Herbert M. Roland II  
& Walter T. Lilly

The members of Club Crescendo want to wish everyone a most happy, enjoyable and successful "New Year". We hope that you made many new years resolutions in which to better yourselves, especially academically. We know everyone is very eager to show the campus that Santa made an extended visit at your house, this has been seen by the many new apparel we have noticed on the campus.

Club Crescendo started the New Year off with a bang. The Gala New Years Social will truly stand as one of the most stupendous highlights of the infant month of January. The Ballroom was gorgeously, splendidly and magnificently decorated to the theme "Fantasy in Wonderland," by our notorious, world re-nowned decorator Mr. Wesley Wilson and aids. Mr. Wilson surrounded the ball-room with our clubs basic

## Newman Club Will Discuss Topics During Religious Emphasis

Members of the Newman Club extend wishes for a happy and most prosperous New Year to all.

The Newman Club dance held December 16, 1963 was a huge success and was enjoyed by all who attended.

Initiation of Newman Club members is to begin soon and active participation is much anticipated.

In observance of Religious Emphasis Week, interesting discussions on specific topics will head next week's meeting agenda.

President Randolph LeMelle will represent the Newman Club at the 1964 South Texas Province Newman Club Convention to be held in Corpus Christi January 31, and February 1-2.

We'll look for you next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., Room 204 - Memorial Center.

## It's Leap Year Again

by Georgia L. Petty

I am sure that all of we females realize the significance of the year 1964. I am sure that Prairie View along with numerous other colleges throughout the country will have an unusual number of students suffering from eyestrain. This condition will result from staring at the many diamond rings that will be displayed on the third finger of many females. (These diamonds will range in size from minute pin heads to giant monstrosities). Each girl will of course consider her ring the most beautiful.

This message is intended for

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Special contributions were made by many students organizations, members of the faculty and community people for the success of the program. Mr. Charles E. Tatum, who has military and government work experiences traveling through many nations of Asia and Europe, worked closely with the organization of the International activities.

# CLUB TALK

color maroon and to accentuate the atmosphere, he intertwined strips of gray. The center of the ball-room was accented with an enormous variety of different shapes and sizes of balloons, and for the final touch of elegance he placed in the midst of the ball-room a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Many beautiful gifts were exchanged among the brothers, and special gifts exchanged by the brothers and their oh so special dates. Perhaps the most spectacular gift of all was one

very large diamond engagement ring presented to Miss LaRue MacAfee by Crescendo Lee Edward Smith. We, Club Crescendo, wishes this couple all the luck and happiness that this wide, wonderful world of ours has to bestow. We had hoped there would be more, but perhaps next year.

Well! Intramural Basketball Season is here again and Club Crescendo aims to lead the field. In the first game of the year the Crescendoes defeated the Barons of Innovation. We wish the members of the team a successful year.

Good Luck on your final examinations.



**On Campus** with Max Shulman

(Author of Rally Round the Flag, Boys!" and "Barefoot-Boy With Check.")

## 1964: YEAR OF DECISION

Well sir, here we go into 1964, which shows every sign of being quite a distinguished year. First off, it is the only year since 1954 which ends with the Figure 4. Of course, when it comes to Figure 4's, 1964, though distinguished, can hardly compare with 1444 which, most people agree, had not just one, not just two, but *three* Figure 4's! This, I'll wager, is a record that will stand for at least a thousand years!

1444 was, incidentally, notable for many other things. It was, for example, the year in which the New York Giants played the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series. As we all know, the New York Giants have since moved to San Francisco and the Philadelphia Athletics to Kansas City. There is a movement afoot at present to move Chicago to Phoenix—the city, not the baseball team. Phoenix, in turn, would of course move to Chicago. It is felt that the change would be broadening for residents of both cities. Many Chicago folks, for example, have never seen an iguana. Many Phoenix folks, on the other hand, have never seen a frostbite.



*This would not help make you NATO-minded!*

There are, of course, certain difficulties connected with a municipal shift of this size. For instance, to move Chicago you also have to move Lake Michigan. This, in itself, presents no great problem, what with modern scientific advances like electronics and the French cuff. But if you will look at your map, you will find Lake Michigan is attached to all the other Great Lakes, which in turn are attached to the St. Lawrence Seaway, which in turn is attached to the Atlantic Ocean. You start dragging Lake Michigan to Phoenix and, willy-nilly, you'll be dragging all that other stuff too. This would make our British allies terribly cross, and I can't say as I blame them. Put yourself in their place. What if, for example, you were a British costermonger who had been saving and scrimping all year for a summer holiday at Brighton Beach, and then when you got to Brighton Beach there wasn't any ocean? There you'd be with your inner tube and snorkel and nothing to do all day but dance the Lambeth Walk. This, you must agree, would not help make you NATO-minded!

I appeal most earnestly to the residents of Chicago and Phoenix to reconsider. I know it's no bowl of cherries going through life without ever seeing an iguana or a frostbite, but I ask you—Chicagoans, Phoenicians—is it too big a price to pay for preserving the unity of the free world?

I feel sure that if you search your hearts, you will make the right decision, for all of us—whether we live in frostbitten Chicago, iguana-infested Phoenix, or narrow-lapelled New Haven—are first and foremost Americans!

But I digress. We were speaking of 1964, our new year. And new it is! There is, for one thing, new pleasure in Marlboro Cigarettes. How, you ask, can there be new pleasure in Marlboros when that fine flavorful blend of tobaccos, that clean efficient Selectate filter, have not been altered? The answer is simple: each time you light a Marlboro, it is like the first time. The flavor is such that age cannot wither nor custom stale. Marlboro never palls, never jades, never dwindles into dull routine. Each puff, each cigarette, each pack, each carton, makes you glad all over again that you are a Marlboro smoker!

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# INSPIRATIONAL CORNER

by Oliver Brown

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

Philippians 3:13.

Momentarily, let us review highlights of 1963 as they involved us individually and personally. Yes, many times we were the beneficiaries of successes as well as failures. Unfortunately many of us had to face the consequences of our failures more than our successes such as frustrations, disappointments, hopelessness and so much more that brought the dark overcasts of defeat to so many of us during the 1963 campaign.

Surely, as we go through the process of evaluating ourselves as a part of 1963, perhaps we will be better able to handle ourselves during the new year of '64 and not be so easily defeated.

Although we will not always be able to understand all our failures nor comprehend all our successes, however, let us not cling to them that they would bring us defeat nor conceit during this new year. But let us begin now to reach forth to the new opportunities that are before us, let us now for the betterment of humanity strive and pursue a 'good way of life' with concern of other's welfare and their pursuits, and let us be determined to finish the race we have begun and as the Apostle Paul suggested let us "...reach forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

## New Year Resolutions

**Harmon Kelly**, Freshman - "Study harder."

**William Kennedy**, Freshman - "Get rid of my D's."

**William Love**, Junior - "Cut down on smoking, stop letting the little things get the best of me, be more considerate of others, and to be optimistic."

**Mario Rene Arriola**, Freshman - "Improve my grades."

**Clifford P. Ward**, Senior - "Resolved to graduate this year."

**Noland Ward**, Sophomore - "Go to school and get out."

**Edward Garner**, Senior - "Resolved that I will save approximately \$.90 per month out of my R.O.T.C. subsistence check."

**Peggy Wilson**, Sophomore - "Try for a more prosperous future."

**Robert L. Purrey**, Freshman - "To gain more knowledge, wisdom, and skill through the power of work."

**Marjay D. Anderson**, Sophomore - "I resolve to pursue any and all of my endeavors with vigor!"

**Gloria Smith**, Freshman - "I resolve to do unto others as I would have them do unto me."

**Mamie Hughes**, Junior - "I resolve to keep all the resolutions that I made last year."

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## Calendar of Events

### SUNDAYS

7:30 a.m. Catholic Mass — St. Martin Student Chapel  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist — St. Francis Episcopal Church  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program — Ballroom, M.C.  
9:30 a.m. Church of Christ — Bible Class — Adm.-Aud.

### MONDAYS

6:30 p.m. Methodist Student Movement — M. C.

### TUESDAYS

7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass — St. Martin Student Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Newman Club — M. C.  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting — Aud.-Gym.  
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### WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass — St. Martin Student Chapel

### THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. Catholic Mass — St. Martin Student Chapel

## They Went to Church

by Marva Elaine Tatum

The Church, as some say (and I do agree)

Is built in the hearts of men.

But we

While here, are guided by our hearts to

Meet in an appointed House and do

Our worship services. No group is ever of one accord,

Not even one whose outer purpose is to serve the Lord.

So now I invite your attention to these ladies four,

Who very often enter the Holy Door.

### The Fashion-Plate

To the church house the Fashion-Plate goes,

Attired in the latest styles from her head to her toes.

Her choice of hats is one wide brimmed

(Contrary to the First Lady's) and her suit is shortly hemmed.

The toes of her shoes are nipped squares

And a loud colored bag to match, she wears,

With fall-hued hose supported by a Gossard foundation,

(Foundation garments so numerous though, I won't go into enumeration)

Miss Fashion-Plate jewelry, conspicuous in design

Accentuates her costume and labels her just fine.

Heads turn as Miss Fashion-Plate glides in,

(She thinks she glides; but her swagger's a sin)

Miss Fashion-Plate seats herself to flirtily note

The attention she attracts; to her, the sermon is remote.

### The Critic

Then in walks a lady sedately dressed,

Called The Critic, for she thinks all is a holy-messed.

She enters the Holy House and to those who turn 'round,

Miss Critic gives a disproving stare and frown.

On the way to a seat she notes with disdain,

The flashy Miss Fashion-Plate — so worldly, so vain.

Perhaps Miss Critic could see some of her mistakes

## Prayer of Thanks

We come to Thee in such a little way at this hour — gather as a minute body giving thanks and rejoicing of the blessings bestowed upon us.

Often we have forgotten to express our thankfulness in words, but however, we come with thanksgiving, with words, with hopes that one day by our little deeds and works we may show our appreciation and thanks unto You.

We pray that love between all mankind may one day reign, that in great hopes, never again would we have to witness: hatred, distortion, bitterness and other similar characteristics

Had she been listening to the sermon, but land sakes!

Miss Critic is too busy analyzing the preacher's diction, Clothing, manner and logic rather than his conviction.

### The Chatty Charlene

Then in comes Chatty Charlene, the girl who

Loves meeting friends. She always makes great ado

About nothing at all — the latest game, or hat,

Party, joke, birth, and such as that.

The preacher's appeal to Christian youth,

For Chatty Charlene bears no great truth.

We can be sure Chatty, however will do no sin,

As long as she can tell what the sinners are doing when the saints go marching in.

### The True Worshipper

Then there's the rare being who goes to Church,

Not only to the house of worship, for show and such.

She's the individual who serves in many small ways

During the week. And then on Holy Days

Comes to the House of God — not empty and bare —

But reverent and grateful, and seeking God there.

She isn't haughtily pious or complacently indifferent;

She is humbly thankful and seeking renewed strength.

The True Worshipper listens to every word of merit,

As she worships the Lord in truth and spirit.

When each lady leaves, her want has been satisfied

Now her worship through her life will be tried.

Because of three ladies, some sinner to church won't go

For he'll say, "I know Miss So-and-So,

Her life is almost the same as my own,

I can hardly tell to church she has gone."

But somebody along the fourth lady's way

Will be blessed to see the light of day

All four ladies went in a definite search.

The last lady took a Church to Church.

that bring sorrow to our nation and world.

In many forms at this hour, people all across this nation and world are giving thanks to Thee

—because many of us and of this world have read of the hungry, but it has been our blessings to be fed. We have studied about wars destroying homes, countries, and nations, and yet, America has been free from being a total battleground.

Thank you Lord for all the blessings we have received and we pray that our prayers of Thanksgiving will be received and in the name of Christ we pray. Amen.



**Foreign Visitors** — Dean G. L. Smith entertains four guests from India who visited the campus in connection with the government's program of International relations.

## FEATURED RELIGION —

### Baptists

The Baptists constitute one of the major Protestant forces in the United States. Twenty-seven Baptist denominations reported an approximate membership of 20,493,371 in 1958; there are 91,786 local Baptist churches, each one independent of the others, with members also completely independent of one another yet bound together by an amazingly strong "rope of sand" in a great common allegiance to certain principles and doctrines based generally upon the competency of each individual in matters of faith.

It is often heard among them that they have no founder but Christ and that Baptists have been preaching and practicing from the days of John the Baptist. That is true in a limited sense; there were certainly men and women holding what have come to be considered distinctly Baptist principles all

across the years. But as a church, or as organized churches, they began in Holland and England.

Baptists have insisted upon freedom of thought and expression in pulpit and pew. This has made them one of the most democratic religious bodies in America — and one in which liberal and conservative doctrine is preached freely. They have insisted, too, upon the absolute autonomy of the local congregation; each church arranges its own worship, examines and baptizes its own members. There is no age limit set on membership, but the candidate is usually of such an age that he can understand and accept the teachings of Christ. Candidates for the ministry are licensed by local churches and ordained upon recommendation of a group of sister churches.

—Frank S. Mead—

## Words of Hope

But as for me, my eyes look for the Lord.

I will wait for the God who will save me;

Yes, my God will deliver me! Never exult over me, my enemy —

When I fall, I shall rise again; When I sit in darkness,

The Lord shall be my light. I will endure the displeasure of the Lord,

(For I have sinned against him) Until the day when he takes up my cause,

And vindicates my right. He will bring me out into the light,

And I shall see the justness of

his ways.

Micah 7:7

Phillips' translation

### Old and New

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as our 36th president, we are entering into the year 1964. The events of this year can be determined to a large degree by **your actions and my actions.** We must continue the fight for our civil liberties that have been denied to us for so long. This is our duty as loyal Americans. We should let the deaths of the great men who died in the past year serve to incite us to continue to cherish and fight for the ideals of democracy upon which our country was founded.

Yes, we are emerging from an old year and entering into a new one. There is nothing we can do to change the events of the past year. But we can resolve to take an active part as good American citizens in the events that will occur in 1964. If each of us resolves to do this and fulfills this resolution we can be assured that the great men of the past year **did not die in vain!!!**

—Georgie Petty

## Teacher Exam

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nations will report again at the examination center at 1:30 p.m. and will begin the tests at 1:45 p.m. Those taking only one Optional Examination should complete this test at about 3:15 p.m., and those taking two Optional Examinations should finish their tests at approximately 4:45 p.m., according to the time schedule for these examinations which has been set up by Educational Testing Service.

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## Capt. McNeil Promoted to Major

Congratulatory chatter and smiles were on tap when Major Frank H. McNeil, Artillery, a combat veteran of the Korean War, was promoted to his present grade. Pinning the Major's Oak Leaves on are Mrs. McNeil, formerly Florence E. Jagers of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Lieutenant Colonel Arthur N. Fearing, Professor of Military Science, US Army Instructor Unit (ROTC), Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas. Major McNeil is currently assigned as an instructor of Military Science at Prairie View.

Major McNeil, son of Mrs. M. A. McNeil, Louisville, Kentucky, was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, Artillery, upon completion of Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) at West Virginia State College, Institute, West Virginia, in 1951. He served in Korea from June 1952 to July 1953 as a Reconnaissance and Survey Officer, an Assistant Battalion S3 (Operations Officer, and as an Artillery Battery Executive Officer.

After Korea, Major McNeil returned to civilian life for a year and obtained a Bachelor



## ROTC News

Sp5 and Mrs. Wimphus L. Drumgoole were recently congratulated and presented a Silver baby cup by Lieutenant Arthur N. Fearing, Professor of Military Science, Prairie View A&M College on behalf of all the officers and non-commissioned officers of the US Army Instructor Unit (ROTC), Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas. The occasion, of course, was prompted by seven-pound two-ounce Winifred Marcia, born to the Drumgoole's on November 6, 1963. It is traditional practice in the Army, though optional in each unit, that such a blessed event be noted, hence the baby cup.

Specialist Drumgoole, son of Mrs. Carrie Drumgoole of Monroe, La., and a former student of Carroll High School, Monroe, La., entered the Army in 1955. He has served two tours in Europe and prior to being assigned to the Instructor Unit at Prairie View as an administrative specialist, he was assigned to Fort Bliss, Texas.

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## Farris-Ware Co., AUSA Reports

The Farris-Ware Company of the Association of the United States Army has had a very successful first semester and is contemplating a most eventful and informative second semester.

Briefly, the Veteran's Day Program with Colonel West A. Hamilton, USA (Retired), first PMS of Prairie View, speaker, and the induction of the Junior Class Cadets into the company, highlighted the first semester.

The primary objective of the company this school year is to prepare the Junior Class Cadets for Summer Camp. Many of the junior cadets feel that Cadet Captain Olan B. Clayborne, Dean of Pledges during observation period, was preparing them for the Summer Olympics. Others feel he was attempting to dispell the "soft American" tab. More serious preparation is planned. Senior cadets, veterans of six weeks of Summer Camp, will present instructions on various aspects of military training that the juniors will encounter in camp. It is felt that this instruction will greatly enhance Prairie View's Cadet standing among cadets from other colleges and universities.

The entire company is looking forward to the AUSA-Scabbard and Blade Ball to be held in February. These two military societies held separate social affairs in previous years. Joint

of Science Degree in Mechanical Arts from West Virginia State. Reentering the Army in 1954 with a Regular Army Commission, he has since had a varied number of duty assignments. He has successfully completed Airborne Training, courses at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Georgia, and the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He was assigned to Prairie View upon graduating from the Artillery Officers Career Course in June 1960.

Major and Mrs. McNeil and their three children, Donna, Diane and Francis, reside at Prairie View, Texas. He is anticipating reassignment in June of this year.

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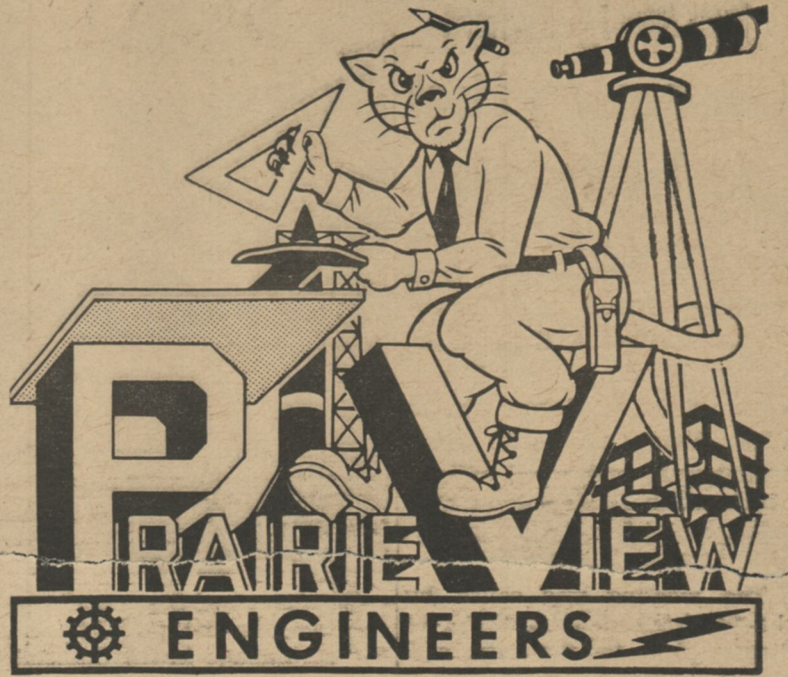
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## ENGINEER of the MONTH

Miss Eartha Dene James, a senior in Electrical Engineering, from Houston, Texas, has been selected as Engineering Student of the Month. To even be nominated for the position is an honor, because it not only proves that she is able to get along with her classmates, it proves that they also respect her. Not only does she have a respectable grade point average; Miss James is also Secretary of the Texas Intercollegiate Student Assn., T. I. S. A. Correspondent to the Student Council, Queen of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Secretary of the Kappa Omega Beta Social Club, and Asst. Sec. of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. Miss James was also elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for 1962-63.

Miss James' background is quite compatible with her present activities. While attending George Washington Carver,

sponsorship of this Ball will undoubtedly make it one of the best social functions of the year.



Eartha James

School of the Aldine District, she was Drum Majorette of the Band, Captain of the Swimming Team, Captain of the Tennis Team, President of a Senior Class section, and President of the Mathematics and Chemistry Club. In her senior year, Miss James was Valedictorian of her graduating class, upon which

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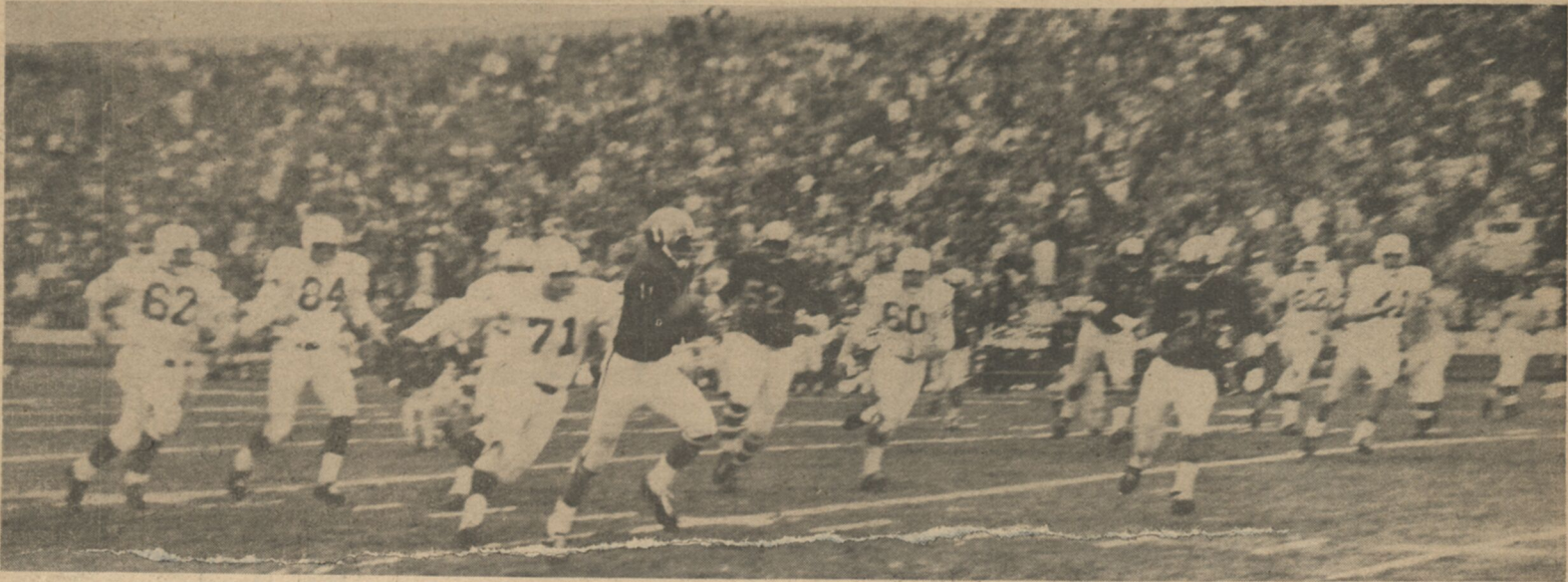


# Pershing Rifles Commanders Meet At Trinity Univ.

Pershing Rifles Captain George F. Francis III, Commanding Officer of Company Q, 17th Regiment, National Society of Pershing Rifles, Prairie View A&M College, Prairie View, Texas, met with other commanders and staff officers of the 17th Regiment on December 14, at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.

The meeting was called by the Regimental Commander to discuss plans for the Regimental Drill meet to be held in May of 1964 at Trinity University. In addition, an exchange of ideas ensued on how Pershing Rifles can best carry out its responsibilities in support of the ROTC program and the college community. Plans for the Regimental Ball were formulated. Nominations by each company for the Regimental Sponsor (Sweetheart) were discussed. Each company will have its nomination in by January 22, 1964.

Cadet Francis, in addition to commanding Company Q, 17th Regiment of the Pershing Rifles (a National Military Honor Society); commands the 1st Battalion of Prairie View's Army ROTC Brigade and holds the rank of Cadet Lieutenant Colonel. He was presented the Superior Cadet Award and the Outstanding Freshman Cadet Award in his freshman year. He was recently designated as a Distinguished Military Student and has been offered a



Breakaway at Sacramento — Quarterback Billy Hall is shown heading for paydirt on the Panther's first play from scrimmage in the Camellia Bowl. St. John's of Minnesota

(in white) took advantage of the breaks to ease past the Panthers 33-27 for the national title.

(Photo by Jackson)

## Engineer

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she received the Jesse Jones \$2,000 Scholarship and the State Tuition Scholarship. She also won first place in Mathematics during the Interscholastic League.

Congratulations, Miss James! We, the Faculty and Students of the School of Engineering salute you.

Regular Army commission in the Quartermaster Corps upon successful completion of all graduation requirements. He was the President of his class in his Sophomore and Junior years. Currently, he is the Vice-President of the Student Council. He holds membership in the Phi Beta Lambda National Business Fraternity.

Cadet Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Francis, Jr. of

## Internal Revenue Service

One out of every four questions currently being asked the Internal Revenue Service by taxpayers has to do with the Texas State sales tax, the cigarette tax and the state gasoline tax.

"These are good questions," said W. C. Hammett administrative officer of Internal Revenue Service at Houston, Texas, "for those taxpayers who elect to itemize their deductions instead of taking the standard 10% deduction."

"To assist taxpayers calculate the Texas State sales tax at a glance," he continued, "the Internal Revenue Service has developed a State Sales Tax Table, thereby eliminating troublesome record keeping. The table is shown below. It covers the full 1963 calendar year. Taxpayers who itemize their deductions are encouraged to clip this table since IRS instructions do not contain these figures for Texas taxpayers."

Not included in the Sales Tax Table, but also deductible is the Texas State Tax on gasoline, which is 5 cents a gallon; the State Tax on cigarettes, which is 8 cents a pack; and the special tax on motor vehicle retail sales, which was 1.5% through June 30, 1963, and 2% after that date.

San Angelo, Texas, attended San Angelo Central High School. His major field of study is Business Administration. He plans to enter the Army in June 1964.

## Leap Year

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the female whose immediate future does not include a ring. In case the reason is no prospect, do not despair. According to experts, six months is a reasonable period of time to become well acquainted. You have almost twelve months which gives you six months of grace. So girls, it

get out, find that man, sweep him off his feet, and pop that question!!!

This is your prerogative because after four long years it's leap year again. I advise you to take advantage of this fact because if this opportunity passes you by, you will have another four long years to wait. Here's your chance, make the best of it.

## Prairie View Basketball Schedule — 1964

Jan. 9	*Texas Southern	8:00	Houston, Tex.	60	58
Jan. 11	*Texas Southern	7:30	Prairie View	64	69
Jan. 25	*Southern Univ.	7:30	Southern Univ.	84	76
Jan. 27	*Jackson College	7:30	Jackson, Miss.	65	64
Feb. 1	*Grambling Col.	7:30	Grambling, La.	92	89
Feb. 3	*Alcorn College	7:30	Lorman, Miss.	89	66
Feb. 8	*Grambling Col.	7:30	Prairie View	59	111
Feb. 10	*Alcorn College	7:30	Prairie View	80	81
Feb. 13	Huston Tillotson	7:30	Prairie View	69	48
Feb. 15	*Southern Univ.	7:30	Prairie View	56	64
Feb. 17	*Jackson Col.	7:30	Prairie View	67	81
Feb. 19	Huston Tillotson	7:30	Austin, Texas	75	70
Feb. 22	*Ark. AM&N	7:30	Pine Bluff, Ark.	87	73
Feb. 24	*Wiley College	7:30	Wiley College	83	59

\*Conference Games

Conference Rating: 3rd Place S.W.C Won 18, Lost 8  
Captain: Dewey L. McQueen, Guard, Houston, Texas  
Coach: Bob Hopkins

TEXAS SALES TAX TABLE* 1963			
Each year thousands of Texans call, write or visit Internal Revenue Service offices to obtain the amount deductible for sales tax. The table is printed here for your convenience. Clip and save this table until you are ready to prepare your income tax return, since your instructions received from Internal Revenue Service do not contain these figures for Texas taxpayers.			
Income as shown on line 9, page 1, Form 1040	Family size		
	3 persons or less	4 and 5 persons	6 or more persons
Under \$1,000 . . . . .	\$9	\$10	\$11
\$1,000 under \$1,500 . . . . .	12	13	14
\$1,500 under \$2,000 . . . . .	15	16	17
\$2,000 under \$2,500 . . . . .	18	19	20
\$2,500 under \$3,000 . . . . .	21	22	23
\$3,000 under \$3,500 . . . . .	24	25	26
\$3,500 under \$4,000 . . . . .	27	28	29
\$4,000 under \$4,500 . . . . .	30	31	32
\$4,500 under \$5,000 . . . . .	32	34	35
\$5,000 under \$5,500 . . . . .	34	37	38
\$5,500 under \$6,000 . . . . .	36	40	41
\$6,000 under \$6,500 . . . . .	38	42	44
\$6,500 under \$7,000 . . . . .	40	44	47
\$7,000 under \$7,500 . . . . .	42	46	50
\$7,500 under \$8,000 . . . . .	44	48	52
\$8,000 under \$8,500 . . . . .	46	50	54
\$8,500 under \$9,000 . . . . .	48	52	56
\$9,000 under \$9,500 . . . . .	50	54	58
\$9,500 under \$10,000 . . . . .	51	56	60
\$10,000 under \$11,000 . . . . .	53	61	67
\$11,000 under \$12,000 . . . . .	56	65	73
\$12,000 under \$13,000 . . . . .	60	71	79
\$13,000 under \$14,000 . . . . .	63	75	85
\$14,000 under \$15,000 . . . . .	66	81	91
\$15,000 under \$16,000 . . . . .	69	86	97
\$16,000 under \$17,000 . . . . .	72	91	103
\$17,000 under \$18,000 . . . . .	75	95	109
\$18,000 under \$19,000 . . . . .	78	99	115
\$19,000 under \$20,000 . . . . .	81	103	121

\*Based upon the 2 percent limited sales, excise and use tax in Texas. Figures in the table do not reflect payments of the special motor vehicle retail tax which should be computed separately. The vehicle tax applies to the net purchase price, and was 1.5 percent through June 30, 1963 and 2 percent after that date.  
Cigarette tax deduction is 8¢ per pack for Texas.  
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